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Director's Meeting

Wednesday, 30 January 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Becker, Hedden, []

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Briefly discussed the cable concerning [] replacement.

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NOTE: DCI later directed that this cable be brought to his attention upon the return of Mr. [] and Colonel Johnston.

Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted that (1) the Senior Staff had approved the paper on Evacuation of Indigenous Personnel; (2) this action would place a burden on CIA; however, we could "carry it".

b. Stated that the Steering Committee would meet this afternoon to consider the revised draft of the Southeast Asia paper and noted that the paper as written provided for []

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[] After some discussion, the Director stated that while he was in agreement that we should do something in [] [] no action could or would be taken on our part until such time as the Department of State made a firm decision respecting US policy in these areas. The Director went on to say that the paper in question should be tightened and should define the actions to be taken by State, Defense and CIA and, further, that the term "use every reasonable means" was not acceptable to him. The DCI indicated a desire to formally approve this paper prior to its presentation to the NSC.

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c. Stated that he was delivering David Bruce's letter concerning [] to Mr. Mathews today.

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d. Read []'s revision of the definition of a theater of war. The DCI said this definition still was not acceptable to him and stated that he preferred the term "theater of active military operations". Mr. Dulles noted he would propose this change to []

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e. Briefly discussed Byroade's letter to Mr. McCloy.

Mr. Wisner:

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a. Discussed ^{and} ~~the~~ conclusions with [] and stated that he anticipated a possible [] He, therefore, recommended that [] upon his return [] discuss this matter with Gen. Gruenther. After some discussion, the DCI approved and stated that he had spoken to [] and did not believe that we had too much cause for concern.

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Mr. Wisner (Cont'd)



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c. Noted that [] was coming to Washington tomorrow. Asked the Director if he thought [] would be suitable to head a certain committee. The Director stated that he had another job in mind for [] and undertook to call [] on this matter.

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d. Noted that [] had had further conversations with [] and asked the Director if he had any objections to comparing notes with the FBI. The Director stated there was no reason why we should not give the Bureau anything we have on the case in question.

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e. Noted that State had not seen fit to use our material we sent them on [] however, in view of []'s statement, they had reconsidered and would probably use some of the information.

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Mr. Hedden briefly reported on his conversation with []

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Mr. Becker:

a. Noted there would be no NSC meeting today.

b. Referred to the item in the Log from the Commandant of the Coast Guard concerning their request for 12 copies of NIE 31, ten of which were to be disseminated to the various Coast Guard districts. The Director instructed Mr. Becker to inform Vice Admiral O'Neill that our regulations did not permit us to extend distribution of NIEs; however, if the Coast Guard desired to extract pertinent information from NIE 31 and clear it with us, there would be no objection to dissemination of this extract.

c. Stated we had received a request to release an NIE to the National War College. The Director asked Mr. Becker to handle this.

d. Stated he would get his candidate for ORR here immediately for an interview.



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